

PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 26, 2016
PAROWAN CITY OFFICES, 35 E. 100 N., 6:00 P.M

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Donald G. Landes, City Council Members Alan Adams, Vickie Hicks, Ben Johnson, and Steve Thayer, City Attorney Justin Wayment, City Manager Shayne Scott, City Recorder Callie Bassett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Jay Orton

PUBLIC PRESENT: Janet Callahan, Patricia Kehrer, Shane Williamson, Aaron Pallesen, Brent Oakeson (ULGT), Curtis Tonks (ULGT), Stacey Carpenter, Ken Carpenter (Parowan Police Chief), Brad & Kate Remund, Ted & Janice Steffensen, Liz & Tom Zaleski, Jerry Vesely, Bob & Kery Whitelaw, Kevin & Joleen McClellan, Matt & Julie Jensen, Alice Heidenreich

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Landes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES/THOUGHT/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ALAN ADAMS: Councilman Adams offered an invocation. He then led the Council and the public in the pledge of allegiance.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA WHICH NEEDS TO BE DECLARED? No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET COMMENTS:

Mayor Landes opened the meeting to public comment regarding the FY 2017 Budget.

Mrs. Patricia Kehrer said she had two questions and asked the Council why Parowan has its own electric company when we all get our power from the same place. She also asked why we are subsidizing the general fund with our utilities.

Mr. Scott explained that we don't actually get our power from the same place. Mrs. Kehrer asked if we get our power from Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Scott said we do not. He said this is a very common misconception and a lot of people think that, but it is not the case. He said we do use each other's lines to get the power here. Parowan City is part of a couple of different power projects. One is the Hunter Power Plant in Emery County. When the power is generated at that point, it does run through Rocky Mountain Power lines to get to us, but we don't get it from Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Scott said the Rocky Mountain Power also uses Parowan lines to get their power to Brian Head. Mrs. Kehrer asked if Cedar gets their power strictly from Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Scott said that is correct.

Mr. Scott said we have a power company that is over 100 years old. He said there are a lot of advantages to the City having its own power company. There is a lot of flexibility in what can

be done. Rocky Mountain Power is a multi-billion dollar company. Parowan City is able to make local decisions here. We also have hydro plants that we wouldn't have otherwise. There are pros and cons to having our own power company.

Mr. Scott said we are obviously compared to Rocky Mountain Power a lot. Parowan's rates are higher sometimes and lower sometimes. Mrs. Kehrer said Parowan's rates are higher than anybody else. Mr. Scott said they actually aren't depending on how many kilowatt hours you use. He said if you use 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, it is actually less expensive with Parowan because we don't have a tiered rate. It just depends. Mr. Scott pointed out that Mrs. Kehrer probably doesn't use 1,000 kilowatt hours, so her usage would probably be less expensive with Rocky Mountain Power. He told Mrs. Kehrer that if she would like to meet with him, he would be happy to break down her bill and show her the difference so she could know what it is. Mr. Scott said people are very surprised by the differences. He added that Rocky Mountain Power rates have climbed a lot in the 6 years he has been here.

Councilman Johnson said that when he first got on the City Council, they went through a power rate study to evaluate Parowan's rates and compare them with Rocky Mountain Power's. Councilman Johnson said our challenge was Parowan went from very, very low rates and took a significant jump in rates in 2007. He said Parowan's base rate is higher than Rocky Mountain Power's. But, he said when you compare the average home and the average user, the rates start to line up with each other.

Councilman Johnson said we have some challenging times going into the future. He explained that California has passed some regulations where they will not accept coal generated power after 2025. He said Parowan owns part of the Intermountain Power Plant (IPP) in Delta. It is a coal fired power plant. Because Parowan owns a portion of that, we are able to keep that power in reserve if we need it, and sell it off to California when we don't. Councilman Johnson said we are currently discussing getting into a natural gas powered plant which would help us to bridge that gap. He said what ends up happening is that we can make the best decisions for Parowan in the long run versus having Rocky Mountain Power make the decisions that are best for them and for their customers as a whole. Those decisions are not always what is best for Parowan.

Councilman Johnson said a good example of this is that Parowan is trying to evaluate solar as an energy source in this area. He said we can begin to put our own solar power in, yet keep our portfolio where we have that reserve that we are selling to California through a natural gas power plant. We can make decisions that are going to benefit Parowan. He said Rocky Mountain Power has requested a 5% increase over the next 3 years. So people will see their power costs step up a little, where Parowan's prices will remain stagnant. He said Parowan has looked at dropping some prices, but that would be problematic because we would have to start increasing them again to get to where we are. He said Parowan will stay stagnant as long as it can. He said we will not raise power rates until we are required to do so.

Councilman Johnson said it is very confusing because when the power goes out, we hear it is a Rocky Mountain Power issue, so people assume we are getting our power from Rocky Mountain Power. What it becomes is those lines are like a freeway on which we drive our power down.

Mrs. Kehrer reiterated that one town may get their power from Rocky Mountain Power, but Parowan gets their power from different sources. In case something happens to one source of power they can get it from the other. Councilman Johnson explained that Parowan has a diversified portfolio so that we don't get hammered somewhere.

Mrs. Kehrer said her utility rates are minimal compared to what she used to pay in North Carolina. Her concern is whether or not we are subsidizing the general fund with our utilities. Councilman Johnson said this is a great question. He said he went through the exact same process Mrs. Kehrer is going through. He said that if Parowan were to go with Rocky Mountain Power, there would still be a tax that would come back into the City. He said Parowan's power company is taxed in a similar manner – the energy tax comes back to the City. Councilman Johnson said that because we have our own power company and we buy and sell power, there are times that are better years and times that are lean years. He said we try to run our budgets off of the lean years, but when we are able to have better years, we see a surplus come in.

Councilman Johnson said Mrs. Kehrer has probably heard that there is \$80,000 going towards a splash pad or something like that from the power company. He said this was something he initiated. He said one thing he noticed in Cedar City is that Rocky Mountain Power gives back to the community through their parks. As a quazi-public utility, they give back when there is a surplus. That was his request with our power company, that instead of giving \$.32 back on everyone's power bill, they give something back to the community; a donation similar to what Questar and Rocky Mountain Power give.

Councilman Johnson said as they began to plan for this, they set a minimum balance because they do not want to put our power company in a position where they can't afford to pay for some catastrophic event or anything major that may happen. We would not want to have to bond for something like that so they set those minimums balances. However, if there is extra in a year they will look at either re-investing that in the company or investing it back into the community so it becomes more of a business model like you would see with any other company.

Mrs. Kehrer asked if any of that money has to go to infrastructure for any subdivision that comes in. Mr. Scott said no it doesn't. He explained that any contractor who is putting in a subdivision is required to put in the infrastructure. He said there may be times that they are asked to increase the size of their lines, and the City will help put money towards that, but that money comes out of the individual funds; i.e., sewer line would come from sewer funds. Mrs. Kehrer asked if there was money set aside for these types of things. Mr. Scott said there is.

Mr. Scott said he would like to clarify one thing on the transfers to the general fund. He said as far back as he can look, Parowan City has always transferred funds from its enterprise funds (power, water, and sewer) to the general fund. Sometimes it has been more, and sometimes it has been less. Mr. Scott said that the City Council took a position soon after he got here to get away from these transfers, and they made a plan to reduce those transfers each year. Mr. Scott said these transfers have been reduced every year that he has been here. They are trying to get it down to where the general fund is completely independent of those. Mr. Scott said there are some monies that can be transferred and are justified. For example, the City paid for the new city building with power company money because 9 out of 10 people that walk through the doors

are paying their utility bill. So there is a justification there to use some of the transfer monies to pay for things like this out of the general fund. However the Council is trying to move away from these transfers.

Mr. Scott said he thinks a lot people were alarmed by the mailing that was sent out, thinking we are doing something new when actually nothing new is being done. The notification is a new requirement. Mrs. Kehrer said that was what she read into it. She said she ought to attend these meetings more often. Mr. Scott said she should, but her questions are great. Councilman Johnson agreed. Mrs. Kehrer said all the neighbors talk about these things and people just need to know. Mayor Landes added that we really appreciate when people come and ask questions, because when things are explained, people understand and things don't become part of the rumor mill.

Councilwoman Hicks said when she got on the Council, she was also under the impression that Parowan got its power from Rocky Mountain Power. She said she went this week with Brad Remund (Parowan Power Department) and toured the IPP. She said right as you go into the building there is a nice big plaque that says what percentage Parowan owns of that power plant.

COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD GRANT APPLICATION:

Mr. Scott said that the City is putting in a grant application with the CIB for a strategic plan. He said part of what we have to do to get that grant is have a public hearing. He said the total project is \$27,000, and we are asking for half of that in grant.

Mrs. Kehrer asked what it is for. Mr. Scott explained that it is a very strategic plan. He said the City did a general plan last year, and a strategic plan is more or less taking the general plan, which outlines our vision and what we want the community to be, and putting it into action.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the Council moved out of public hearing and into the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MAY 12, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)

PURCHASE ORDERS/WARRANT REGISTER

TAP AWARD – UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRUST – Curtis Tonks, Brent Oakeson

BEER LICENSE FOR IRON COUNTY FAIR – JOYCE EVANS

Mr. Tonks and Mr. Oakeson came to present a TAP award to Parowan City. Mr. Tonks said that the Utah Local Government Trust has been with Parowan for a number of years now. They provide several products for Parowan City – liability, property, auto, and workers compensation insurance. He said Parowan has qualified for this award that Mr. Oakeson will talk about, and on behalf of the Trust he thanked Parowan City for its partnership for the past number of years. He

said he appreciates working with Mayor Landes, Mr. Scott and Mrs. Bassett and congratulated Parowan on receiving this award.

Mr. Oakeson said TAP stands for the Trust Accountability Program. He said when cities and towns that they insure put things into place that help prevent loss and help prevent claims, there are certain programs that they take on to do this. He said Parowan has done a great job in the past year doing this. Some examples of this program are having an active safety committee, looking at incidents, following up on things, trying to find out why accidents happen, and learning about how to prevent accident, injury and property damages, managing the sewer system, having a sewer management plan, having return to work programs and other things that really make a difference for preventing these losses and claims. He said it is a win-win for their organization and ours, and said they would like to recognize the City on a job well done. He said with this award comes a 5% discount on our liability premium which Parowan City was refunded by check earlier this year in the amount of \$1, 861.50. Mr. Oakeson said the Trust appreciates our partnership and all that the City does to work with them on this program. He offered his congratulations.

Regarding other items of the consent agenda, Councilwoman Hicks had a couple of questions on the warrant register. She asked what was purchased from Wild Roots. Mr. Scott said this is the City Office expense for the interior design/furniture. This should be the last bill on this. Mrs. Hicks also asked why the City paid for Mr. Scott's mid-year registration if he is leaving. Mr. Scott explained that was the mid-year conference for the Utah League of Cities and Towns that the Mayor and he went to. Mr. Scott said that in the interest of full disclosure, Parowan did pay for the registration of a conference he will be attending in the fall, and Kaysville City will be reimbursing Parowan City for that.

Councilman Thayer asked about the \$15,000 for trees. Mr. Scott said those were for the planting in town that just took place. He said they were supposed to be less expensive. They came in much higher than they thought. They were told that they could get a contractor's rate, but in the end weren't able to.

Councilwoman Hicks moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION MEETING

RECREATION PROJECT DECISION:

An Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost was obtained to do a basketball/pickleball court and sand volleyball courts.

Councilman Johnson said he had a question on this. He said this opinion of probably cost came in at \$99,591, about \$10,000 over budget. He asked if we took out the sand volleyball at this point, that would be about the \$10,000 mark and we could move forward with the rest of the project. He said that seems to have some logic behind it. Also, he said that the professional services & incidentals should be lower than 15%. It should be closer to 10-12%.

Councilwoman Hicks said she really would like to see the City do something, but her heart is not in spending \$100,000 on this when she feels it would be better spent on the pool. Councilman Johnson said he understands and agrees to a point, but he asked what could be done at the pool for \$100,000. He said as they've looked at putting a bubble over the pool, everything is \$300,000. He said that's why they have settled back to something that has a positive impact and will encourage kids to get off of their devices and get them out of the house.

Councilwoman Hicks said the outside of the pool looks terrible. She said it needs to be painted and there are a lot of things that need to be done. She again stated that her heart is not in this because she thinks we are spending this money in the wrong direction. She said we are going to have to eventually spend money on the pool. She said it is going down, down and it is something that is utilized all the time by the kids. She said they could have done something to change the pool and build something onto the pool and she would have been all for it. She said she wanted to go on record as being against this.

Councilman Johnson asked Councilwoman Hicks if she has been past the pool since it was painted. She said she hasn't been over in the last few weeks. Councilman Johnson explained that they just painted the pool for the High School Service Day. It looks very nice. Councilman Adams added that the City has put a lot of money into the pool, with the new heater and new filtration system.

Councilman Johnson asked about location for the basketball/pickleball courts. Councilman Thayer reminded the Council that they talked about two locations – the Lion's Park and the Valentine Peak Sports complex. He said he is torn between these two locations. Councilman Johnson said he feels like the Lion's park would be easier for the police department to patrol and keep an eye on during the evening hours. Chief Carpenter agreed, saying that high visibility areas have more eyes on them than just the police officers'.

Councilman Adams said he has a vision of families using the pool, then coming out and using the park. He feels these ball courts tie in well with that park area. He also addressed Councilwoman Hicks' concerns. He said he understands that it is tough to know where to spend the money. He said they have juggled this money around and he tried to get the City to spend it on roads instead of a recreation project. But, he said they have come to this, they have run it past the TARP committee, this is their recommendation, and the Council has budgeted this money, so he is feeling comfortable with this decision. He feels this is something that young people can use as well as older people because pickleball has become very popular.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the Recreation Project with the sand volleyball court as an alternate (meaning if we can afford it we will do it, if not it will be pulled out), with the location being at the Lion's Park. Councilman Adams seconded the motion. Councilman Hicks asked for a roll call vote. The vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilwoman Hicks		X		
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

The motion was approved.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH IRON COUNTY ON LANDFILL SERVICES:

Mr. Scott said this document is a little different than they saw in the last work meeting. They added that a couple of sections on who will maintain the road. Mr. Scott and the Mayor met with Commissioner Adams as well as Bruce Anderson (who is the landfill supervisor for Iron County), and Kelly Stones (Parowan Public Works Supervisor). Mr. Scott said he thinks this is a good agreement. Its main purpose, from the City's perspective, is to be able to use the landfill without incurring any fees when it is in the best interest of the City and County to do so.

Councilman Thayer agreed this is a good thing, but he said the road that we have to maintain is currently a mess. Mr. Scott said the agreement doesn't give a time frame for when the work needs to be done on the road. When it needs to be fixed it will be the City's responsibility. This road will be included in the Class C budget. The benefit outweighs the cost.

Councilman Adams moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Iron County. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

POWER IMPACT FEE - RESOLUTION 2016-05-01:

Councilman Thayer moved to approve the Power Impact Fees Resolution 2016-05-01. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	
Councilwoman Hicks	X			
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

All Council members voted in favor of the motion. Resolution 2016-05-01 was passed.

WATER IMPACT FEE - RESOLUTION 2016-05-02:

Councilman Thayer moved to approve the Water Impact Fees Resolution 2016-05-02. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	
Councilwoman Hicks	X			
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

All Council members voted in favor of the motion. Resolution 2016-05-02 was passed.

SEWER IMPACT FEE - RESOLUTION 2016-05-03:

Councilman Thayer moved to approve the Sewer Impact Fees Resolution 2016-05-03.

Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	
Councilwoman Hicks	X			
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

All Council members voted in favor of the motion. Resolution 2016-05-03 was passed.

IPP RENEWAL DOCUMENTS - RESOLUTION 2016-05-04:

Councilman Adams moved to approve the IPP Renewal Document – Resolution 2016-05-04.

Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	
Councilwoman Hicks	X			
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

All Council members voted in favor of the motion. Resolution 2016-05-04 was passed.

IPP EXCESS POWER SLAES - RESOLUTION 2016-05-05:

Councilman Adams moved to approve the IPP Excess Power Sales – Resolution 2016-05-05.

Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Thayer	X			
Councilman Orton			X	
Councilwoman Hicks	X			
Councilman Adams	X			
Councilman Johnson	X			

All Council members voted in favor of the motion. Resolution 2016-05-05 was passed.

WORK MEETING

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTING AGREEMENT:

Mr. Scott said the main point of this discussion is to get a plan in place.

The application is due to the CIB June first and is already to go. We won't present to the CIB until the first of July at best. We won't know if we got this grant until after that. Mr. Scott said

in the past we have done two things: we have gone out to bid for an RFP for a consultant, and sometimes we have worked with a consultant who has helped us move along.

Mr. Scott said the consultant company we are working with right now is *Rural Planning Consultants*. He said he is fine to do whatever the Council wants to do, but he has asked around a lot about this company and feels we have chosen a consulting group that is more than capable of doing this strategic plan. He feels they are the best one for the job. He feels it is important to choose people based on their qualifications and then enter into an agreement with them if they can agree on a price.

Mr. Scott said if the Council wants to go to this company and say \$27,000 is too much and we think you can do it for less, he encouraged them to do so instead of putting it out for an RFP (request for proposal) and simply choosing the lowest bid. Councilman Thayer said he didn't understand why this company said it would take 200 hours. He feels this is an inordinate amount of time. Mr. Scott said one of the things this company is really good at is getting the community involved.

Mr. Scott said he feels this is really important in our case – to get as many people involved as possible. He said the City often has meetings and try to get people involved, but often no one comes. This strategic plan is a little bit different in that we want the community to weigh in as much as possible. This company can do things that the City can't do. They will go to people's houses, knock on their doors, and tell them to come to the meetings. They do windshield tours where they take people around individually and talk about what's important to the community and why. Mr. Scott said in putting this plan together, they really do their due diligence. Mr. Scott said he feels the Council could go back to this company and negotiate the price or the time and probably come to an agreement.

Councilman Johnson said he is one who likes to go out for an RFP and get a little competitive bidding. However, he said when it comes to being specialized like this, he said we want to negotiate with this particular party and see if we can find something that fits their expertise and the City's needs. Mr. Scott said this is a really good point, because this is not just an engineering firm. They are planners and this is what their specialty is. Mr. Scott reiterated that he thinks we can be in control of the dollars, we aren't just subject to whatever they say. He feels we can have a conversation with them and we would do that in a future meeting.

Mr. Scott said if it's ok with the Council, we will wait to see if we get the grant, and then start to put some monies and a contract together in an action meeting. The Council agreed.

ANNUAL FEE REVIEW – STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Scott said the only thing that he could get out of staff is that they want to establish an acre foot of water price, because there is some discussion at the Water Board level about our impact fees and a water development fee. He said this hasn't changed yet, but we are trying to get ahead of the game and come up with a fee for an acre foot of water. Councilman Thayer said it is a little bit confusing and they did spend a lot of time on this in the last Water Board meeting. Mr. Scott said the Water Development Fee is really unique to Parowan.

Councilman Thayer said the main thing is the Water Board wants to see these fees separated out. Mr. Scott said that impact fees are so strict in how they can be used, and making a water development fee is a little bit different. He said when somebody comes to the City in a development, the City wants them to bring their water with them. He said that sometimes a water development fee almost seems like double dipping. Councilman Thayer said we don't need water rights, but we could use the money.

Councilman Johnson said he had two questions on the fees – the water leak fee and the utility history fee. Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Schiers (Parowan City Treasurer) to help explain what the utility history fee is. Mrs. Schiers said this is when Mr. Kelly Stones goes out and runs a diagnostic on the water meter for the customer. He can tell just how much water is being used at any given point during the day. Mr. Scott said maybe this should be named something a little more clear. Mrs. Schiers also explained what the water leak fee is. She said anytime someone has a leak and is charged \$500 or \$600 (for example) on their water bill, if the resident can prove that they have gotten the leak repaired within 30 days of receiving their bill, the City will forgive all but \$50 on their water bill. Mr. Scott said they would like to see this raised to \$100.

Councilman Johnson feels this should be left at \$50. He doesn't think anyone should be overly charged for a leak they didn't know they had. He does feel, however, that if they don't fix the leak within 30 days, they should be required to pay the whole bill. Mr. Scott said leaving it at \$50 is fine, and the City does currently charge the entire bill if the leak is not fixed within 30 days. Mrs. Schiers said when she gets the readings back and can tell someone has a leak, she calls them immediately, so they have plenty of time to get the leak fixed.

Councilman Thayer wanted to make sure that the pressurized irrigation charges reflect the changes. Councilwoman Hicks also wants to make sure the tack room rental for the horse stalls goes up to \$30 and the cleaning deposit to \$50. She also asked if the rental fee for the meeting room over at the visitor center is going to stay at \$5. Mr. Scott said it is. She just wants to make sure it covers the expenses of using the room.

Councilwoman Hicks discussed the rental fees for the fair building. She would like to encourage the Council to go with resident and non-resident fees for use of the building. She said people from out of town come in and trash the building, and the cleaning deposit sometimes doesn't cover the expense of cleaning it. She feels that a resident and a non-resident fee might help this.

Councilman Johnson doesn't want to discourage people from coming to Parowan. Councilwoman Hicks agrees, but wants to protect the City's interest. Mrs. Alice Heidenreich (Parowan City Pool Manager) said she agrees with Councilwoman Hicks and believes a non-resident fee would be a good thing. Mr. Bob Whitelaw stated there needs to be something in the rental agreement that says if there are damages to the building the renter is responsible to repair or replace the damaged items. He said there is a difference between a cleaning deposit/fee and damages. Mrs. Kery Whitelaw suggested keeping a credit card on file for such damages. The Council agreed this was a good idea.

Councilwoman Hicks repeated the non-resident fees she would like to see put in place:
Hourly Use- \$50

Daily Use- \$300
Cleaning Deposit - \$1000

FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION – FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Thayer said he had a really nice discussion with Chief Carpenter the other day. He said he had some questions regarding the school resource officer. He said there is no question that we all want a school resource officer (SRO). But at this time, if the Sheriff's department is still going to pay for the SRO, he doesn't think that the City should pay \$45,000 or take this over at this time. He feels like this money should go towards the roads.

Councilman Johnson said it really comes down to whether or not we are willing to pay to have control over that officer. It's not really adding another police officer to the community, but it gives us the ability to have control of the SRO. Councilman Thayer said if the Sheriff's department is willing to supply that SRO, do we really want to spend an extra \$45,000 to have control over him. Councilman Johnson pointed out the pros of investing in a resource officer from Parowan and the benefits of having such.

Councilman Thayer would like to approach the School District to see if they would be willing to pay for more than 50% of the SRO expenses. Councilman Johnson thought this was a valid idea. Councilman Thayer thinks we need to pursue this further.

The Council discussed how the SRO would work with the Parowan PD. Chief Carpenter answered all of the Council's questions.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilman Thayer didn't have anything to report this evening.

Councilwoman Hicks reported that the Planning & Zoning Committee met. They approved a couple of signs for businesses.

Councilman Adams didn't have anything to report this evening.

Councilman Johnson said he feels it is important to have a date to spend this year's money on the roads. He also met with the ad hoc bee committee. He said they had a very good discussion. He said we don't need to go back through our ordinance and change anything. What the State has in place does a very good job of making sure they are protected. Councilman Johnson also reported that we had an excellent Youth Council this year. They are currently selling t-shirts as a fund raiser and have sold quite a few already. The t-shirts say "Straight Out of Parowan - #mothertown" on them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tom Zaleski thanked Mr. Scott for all he has done for our community. He wanted to go on record that all of those connected with the Old Rock Church express this sentiment. He thanked the Mayor as well.

Mrs. Kehrer asked when they do the streets if they are going to do them all. Councilman Adams said that there is a plan laid out. 600 West is on the plan. Center at 600 West is a top priority. Councilman Johnson suggested getting this information on the website.

Mayor Landes said the City received a plaque from UDOT for Road Respect in our community. This is a program that encourages safety in bicycling and automobile use.

ADJOURN: Councilman Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Donald G. Landes, Mayor
Parowan City

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Callie Bassett", written over a horizontal line.
Callie Bassett, Parowan City Recorder